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1. CAO DISCUSSED SUNY-THOREZ PROGRAM WITH GROUP
LEADER RODNEY PATTERSON NOVEMBER 3. SUNY'S BENEDICT
SHOULD BE REASSURED THAT AS OF NOW, ALL IS GOING WELL
AS IS REFLECTED IN REPORTS PATTERSON HAS SUBMITTED.

2. EARLY PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF ABSENCE OF SOVIET
REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET GROUP ON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW,
AND TEMPORARY QUARTERS HAVE NOW BEEN RESOLVED. THOREZ
INSTITUTE'S COORDINATOR FOR SUNY PROGRAM, IGOR
VLADISLAVICH POLYAN, AND SUNY'S PATTERSON NOW HAVE
GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP ON BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS
IN WHICH THEY QUOTE, PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS, UNQUOTE.
STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IN PERMANENT QUARTERS FOR ONE MONTH
WHICH ARE AS GOOD AS CAN BE EXPECTED, ACCORDING TO
PATTERSON. ALTHOUGH FIVE GIRLS ARE IN ONE ROOM WITH
NO SOVIET ROOMMATES, FOUR ARE IN ROOMS OF 2 AMERICANS
WITH SOVIET ROOMMATES.

3. ON ACADEMIC SIDE, STUDENTS ARE HAPPY WITH THEIR
TEACHERS AND WITH INCREASED PERSONAL CONTACT WITH SOVIET
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STUDENTS. CURRICULUM PROBLEMS REGARDING CONTENT OF SOME

COURSE MATERIALS PROBABLY CANNOT BE RESOLVED. PATTERSON, WHO COULD NOT ATTEND CLASSES BECAUSE OF ILLNESS EARLIER NOW DOES AND HE MEETS WITH FACULTY AND DEAN. HAS LEARNED THAT ALTHOUGH CONCENTRATION OF STATISTICS AND POLITICAL CONTENT ESPECIALLY IN COURSE "USSR TODAY" CANNOT BE ALTERED, STUDENTS CAN STOP BITING TONGUES AND EXPRESS DIVERGENT OPINIONS.

4. AMERICAN STUDENTS HEALTH GOOD, SOVIET ATTITUDE COOPERATIVE, AND DIALOGUE IS CONTINUING AND IMPROVING.

5. PATTERSON SUBMITTED FIRST TWO HANDWRITTEN REPORTS AT END OF THIRD WEEK AND TWO SUBSEQUENT TYPEWRITTEN REPORTS THROUGH EMBASSY FACILITIES. LAST REPORT WAS GIVEN TO CHANCELLOR BOYER FOR TRANSMITTAL. PATTERSON BELIEVES HE IS UP-TO-DATE AND PLANS TO SUBMIT CURRENT REPORT IN TWO DAYS.

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